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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE UPDATE NO 5
1. C-ENTIRE TEXT
2. SUMMRY. THERE WERE EIGHT MURDERS IN JAMAICA DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AUGUST 6-12. IN ADDITION THIRTEEN PEOPLE WERE KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES. VIOLENCECONTINUES TO SEETHE BENEATH THE SURFACE IN A RELATIVELY CALM JAMAIA AS NUMEROUS INCIDENTS OF LOOTING WERE REPORTED ON THE DAY AFTER HURRICAN ALLEN STRUCK THE ISLAND AND TWO KINGSTON CINEMAS HAVE CLOSED DUE TO INTIMIDATION. END SUMMARY.
3. AUGUST 6-12
A. TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTED MURDERS 8
B. SUSPECTED POLITICALLY MOTIVATE MURDES 2
C. SUSPECTED CRIMINALLY MOTIVIATED MURDERS 2
D. MURDERS OF UNKNOWN NOTIVATION 4
E. PERSONS KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES 13
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INFORMATION FROMTHE POLICE INFORMATION CENTER (PIC)
4. ON AUGUST 6 GLENMORE WEBLEY THE JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY (JLP) CANDIDATE FOR EATERN KINGSTON WAS SHOT IN THE SHOULDER BUT NOT SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AT HIS CONSTITUENCY OFFICE. THE POLICE INVESTIGATING THE INCIDENT ARRESTED A MAN APPARENTLY UNASSCCIATED WITH THE SHOOTING OUTSIDE WEBLEY'S OFFICE FOR ILEGAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM. THE WEAPON TAKEN FROM THE MAN WAS LATER IDENTIFIED AS HAVING BEEN STOLEN LAST YEAR FROM A MURDERED POLICE OFFICER.
B. ON AUGUST 6 MANY INCIDENTS OF LOOTING WERE REPORTED IN THE WAKE OF HURRICAN ALLEN. IN ONE CASE THE PCI REPORTED THAT ABOUT 50 MEN, MANY ARMED WERE FOUND BY THE SECURITY FORCES LOOTING A FISHERMEN'S COOPERATIVE IN DOWNTOWN KINGSTON.
C. ON AUGUST 10 A SUPPORTER OF THE PEOPLE NATIONAL PARY (PNP) AND MEMBER OF THE PARTY'S WOMEN'S MOVIMENT AND HER FATHER WERE

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KILLED BY GUNMEN WHO CRAWLED THROUGH HER KITCHEN WINDOW IN KINGSTON SHIVWRIGHT GARDENS. SEVERAL SMALL PNP DEMONSTRATIONS, INCLUDING ONE IN FRONT OF JBC, TOOK PLACE. PLACARDS BLAMING THE JLP AND THE CIA FOR THE DEATHS WERE HIGHLIGHTED ON TELEVISION NEWS.

D. ON AUGUST 12 TWO OF DOWNTOWN KINGSTON'S LARGEST CINEMAS. THE MAJESTIC AND THE PALACE, ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WERE CLOSING THEIR DOORS AS A RESULT OF THE VIOLENCE.

5. COMMENT: WHILE THERE HAS BEEN A LULL IN THE VIOLENCE IN JAMAIA FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS ALMOST ALL OF THE DEATHS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WERE IN THE LAST FOUR DAYS OF THE WEEK AFTER HURRICIAN ALLEN. A NEW TREND IN RECENT WEEKS IS THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE KILLED BY THE SECURTY FORCES. ACCORDING TO PIC STATISTICS 33 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES IN THE LAST THREE WEEKS. A RELIABLE POLICE SOURCE OPENLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE JLP,

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HAS TOLD US THAT IN A MID JULY MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, THE LEADERS OF THE JAMAICAN POLICE FEDERATION TOLD MANLEY THAT IF THE POLITICANS AND THE POLICE COMMAND DID NOT ACT TO END THE POLITICAL AND CRIMINAL VIOLENCE, THE RANK AND FILE OF THE POLICE WOULD ACT ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE AGAINST POLITICAL AND CRIMINAL GUNMEN. WE BELIEVE THAT THE SUDDEN RISE IN POLICE KILLINGS RESULTS NOT ONLY FROM THE INCREASED ACTIVITY OF THE SECUIRTY FORCES SINCE LATE JULY BUT ALSO FROM AN INCREASED WILLINGNESS BY SOME POLICEMEN TO SETTLE SCORES WITH LAWLESS ELEMENTS.

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